



Assessment & Accountability Newsletter

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Our next Assessment & Accountability Newsletter will be March 21, 2018.

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ACCESS 2.0

- ACCESS 2.0 test window closes this Friday, **March 9, 2018**.
- Additional materials orders closed on March 2, 2018.
- The last week of the window is an ideal time to complete any make-up tests or domains needed. Reminder, all four domains must be complete in order for a student to receive a composite score.

Post-Testing Action Items and Dates:

- Deadline for Shipping Completed Materials to DRC: Friday **March 16, 2018**
- Data Validation: School or district level ACCESS points of contact are to complete data validation April 2-April 6, 2018.
 - This important pre-reporting task will allow you to correct any student demographics and merge certain domains that have been scored but may not reflect a composite score due to the need to merge. **Please view the below Data Validation training resources to understand your role in this next step:**

- <https://www.wida.us/Assessment/ACCESS%202.0/WebinarRecordings.aspx#PostTesting>
 - Data Validation Recorded Webinar for 2018 posted this week.
- ACCESS 2.0 Score Reports will be available: **May 18, 2018**

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COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

ACCUPLACER

The testing windows are open! The testing windows are:

- ACCUPLACER Placement: **February 5-April 30, 2018**
- ACCUPLACER Diagnostic: **February 5-May 5, 2018**

Here are some helpful hints for test administration:

- Before administration, please verify each testing computer meets the system requirements. To do so, please visit the [ACCUPLACER login page](#). At the bottom, right hand corner of the screen, click “Verify System.” This will prompt a window to open informing you if the computer meets specifications required to administer the ACCUPLACER assessments. If the computer fails to meet specifications, ACCUPLACER will advise what upgrades are needed.
- Before administration, allow your student to practice and get a feel for the assessment. Please visit [ACCUPLACER Practice test webpage](#).
- [Quick Guide – Resume a Test](#)
- [Quick Guide – Test Administration](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Taylor at (208) 332-6903 or dtaylor@sde.idaho.gov.

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SAT

Materials Shipment Updates

- Pretest Day Materials: Week of March 19
- Pre ID Labels: Mid-March
- Test Day Materials: First week in April, unless school is on Spring Break.
- College Codes for score sends: College codes will be sent along with your supervisor kit.

SAT School Day Supervisor Training: Required

- Reminder that SAT site supervisors are required to complete the site supervisor training sent via email by College Board. Please also share with anyone involved in proctoring.

Translated Test Directions: UPDATED for 2018

The College Board has a number of translated test directions available for students. Currently, there are thirteen translated test directions available on the [College Entrance Exam webpage](#). Please feel free to print any translated test directions needed by students. Languages include: [Albanian](#), [Arabic](#), [Bengali](#), [Chinese](#), [Gujarati](#), [Haitian](#), [Hindi](#), [Polish](#), [Portuguese](#), [Russian](#), [Spanish](#), [Urdu](#), and [Vietnamese](#).

Attached is a PDF of the approved word-for-word glossaries for SAT School Day. The glossaries can be used for instructions only for SAT School day.

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ISAT UPDATE

New 2018 Edmodo Idaho State Assessment Networking Group 2017-18 JOIN CODE is c2nkcm (3-6-18)

Please check the ISAT Portal regularly for important messages and dates:
<http://idaho.portal.airast.org>

2018 Summative Test Administration Manual has been posted

The 2018 summative TAM is Chapter X of the full AIR Systems Manual. Please note that the new Test Improprieties section is now Chapter IX. There is a proctor checklist at the end of the manual pages 506 to 512 which may be helpful when training proctors.

New Digital Library Connections Playlists

There is now a Digital Library Connections Playlist for all 108 Interim Assessment Blocks. These playlists link the best DL resources to performance categories (Above Standard, At/Near Standard, and Below Standard) on each block. New support documents have also been added to the Portal. Playlists are accessed in the Digital Library.

Important Dates

March 14: This is the last date the Interim Assessments will be available to give to students, close is 7:00PM MT. Interim Reports in ORS and Air Ways will continue to be available, as will the Teacher Hand Scoring System (THSS) and the Assessment Viewing Application. (AVA). The Interim Assessment window will reopen May 28th.

March 19: The ISAT ELA/literacy and Math test window opens on this date. ***Please remind teachers and proctors that all assessments available at this time are secure tests and should***

not be confused with interim assessments.

Possible “Walk Out” dates:

Information and guidance on nationally promoted student –led walk out efforts that may involve local rallies was provided to superintendents on 3/2/2018.

It is recommended that you do not schedule testing on these dates: March 14, March 24, and April 20

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NATIONAL SCHOOL WALKOUT – APRIL 20, 2018

On April 20, 2018 at 10:00 AM, there is a National School Walkout event across the nation. It is anticipated Idaho’s students may choose to participate in this event. This is taking place during a few statewide assessments’ open windows. The Idaho State Department of Education is recommending LEAs do not schedule testing for this day. We suggest to utilize other dates throughout the assessment windows to complete testing.

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STUDENT ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

As part of Idaho's new accountability system, schools will need to administer a student engagement survey to students in grades 3-8 THIS SCHOOL YEAR.

The SBOE approved the use of the AdvancED student engagement survey for SY 2017-2018. The survey is expected to take about 20 minutes. The survey window will be April 2nd to May 31st. If your school already works with the AdvancED platform, do not administer the student engagement survey now using your existing credentials. You will be given custom links for administering this survey.

Our participation goal for the student engagement survey is 90%. We ask that you do your best to have all students participate. We will make the survey available in Spanish and if you need to have the survey available in another language, you can have a teacher directly translate or speak with the AdvancED help desk for more guidance. Please use your best judgement in making the survey accessible for students who need accommodations.

If you are interested in the questions, copies of the survey are available at <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/accountability/index.html>. Look for additional

information and guidance on survey on this webpage, including webinar recordings and other trainings (as they become available).

The webinar “Student Survey and What Districts Can Expect” was hosted on March 1st and is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DV8kPXnxYL4&feature=youtu.be>

If you have any questions, contact Kevin Whitman at kwhitman@sde.idaho.gov

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ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT

Greetings from the Alternate Universe! I am pleased to share that the Idaho Alternate Assessment video tutorial is now available in the [Alternate Assessment ELA & Math resources section](#) under the System Information – Training Modules sub-folder. This tutorial provides a 20-minute walk-through of the various steps needed for a student to participate and complete the ISAT-Alt in ELA and Math. The Directions for Test Administration (DTAs) will be available a couple of weeks before the testing window opens.

The ISAT-Alt Science testing window is more than half over. State wide IPASS information shows that 793 students have been added, 42 students have not been assigned to a teacher, 483 portfolios have not been started, 128 portfolios are in progress, and 124 portfolios have been submitted. Congratulations to the teachers who have submitted portfolios for scoring! Please remind and support your teachers to meet the March 30th deadline for submitting ISAT-Alt Science Portfolios.

Thank you for all your hard work! Hang in there...you can do it! If you have questions or need clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Karren Streagle (kstreagle@sde.idaho.gov; 208-332-6824).

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ASSESSMENT MONITORING

This is a friendly reminder for LEAs only in Group B of the [Assessment Monitoring Cycle](#), their LEA's Comprehensive Assessment Plans are due **April 30, 2018**. For a template and instructions, please view the [Comprehensive Assessment Plan Template](#). For submission, please submit LEA's Plan via a [Google Form](#). If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Taylor at (208) 332-6903 or dtaylor@sde.idaho.gov.

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MARCH'S MONTHLY ASSESSMENT WEBINAR

Our next webinar will be **March 14, 2018 at 10:00 AM MST**. This webinar will have “just-in-time” information on our comprehensive assessment systems. Please register for the webinar at our [GoToWebinar webpage](#). If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Taylor at (208) 332-6903 or dtaylor@sde.idaho.gov.

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